

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD APRIL 22, 2010 AT THE VERDE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 500 E. CHERRY STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

Chairman Bremner called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was as follows:

Commission Members Present

Elaine Bremner, Chairperson
Jake Gonzales, Vice Chairperson
Dave Puzas, Commission Member
Paula Kelly, Commission Member
John O'Neill, Commission Member
Max Brown, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent

Janice Montgomery, Commission Member

Council Members Present

Linda Norman

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no one present to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2010

Vice Chairperson Gonzales moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Puzas seconded. Motion carried.

At this time Chairperson Bremner stated she would like to move to Item 6a, since there is a guest speaker.

Detective Monica Kuhlth was present to speak about Elder Abuse. Detective Kuhlth shared some statistics from 2007 with the Commissioners. A majority of the victims are female and 75 years old or older. In Arizona, about 20.25% of cases received involve abuse, which includes physical and emotional or psychological. Maricopa County reported 66,587 cases out of an elder population of 602,836, Pima County reported 6,008 cases out of an elder population of 191,543, and Yavapai County was the third highest with 6,723 cases reported out of an elder population of 60,863. The Commission was informed that through the Arizona Department of Economic Security, there is the Statewide Elder Abuse Task Force. A contact number for them is 1-877-767-2385. Following her presentation, Vice Chairperson Gonzales stated he lived in a mature adult neighborhood who had a monthly meeting. Detective Kuhlth stated she would be glad to attend a meeting and share her information. Commissioner Puzas also works with a group of mature Adults from his church and invited her to attend one of their meetings.

It was agreed if any of the Commissioners discovered a group who might be interested in hearing the information, they would share Detective Kuhlth's contact information with them.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Bremner informed the Commissioners, she has been in touch with the Verde Independent and the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce. Both of them are interested in possibly sponsoring a Prime Time Fair in March of 2011. She has set a date for the first part of May to meet with them.

It was suggested the best time of the month for an event would be toward the first part of the month, and possibly invite the local radio station to participate with a live remote.

It was agreed that live music, food, vendor give aways, door prizes, and surveys be provided,

Each Commissioner was ask to return to the May meeting with ideas for sponsors and vendors for the Fair.

FUTURE EVENTS.

Commissioner Puzas reminded the Commission the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Bike Blessing on March 27-28, 2010.

PROVIDE INPUT ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS OF INTEREST

Chairperson Bremner informed everyone that AARP worked at the Senior Center assisting citizens in filling their federal and state tax returns. There were 780 Federal returns and 781 State returns filed. Almost \$400,000 will come back to the citizens of our community through these efforts.

She stated the Senior Center has 140 volunteers and 190 donors that assist her and her staff with their various fund raising events.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Puzasl, and seconded by Commissioner O'Neill to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.